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**TO: Economic Support Supervisors  
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**SUBJECT: Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid**

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**Non W-2 ☒ W-2 ☐ CC ☐**

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**CROSS REFERENCE:** MA Handbook 39.2.0  
Operations memo 01-84

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** Immediately

**PURPOSE**

This memo is to inform Economic Support (ES) that coverage by Indian Health Services (IHS) is not disqualifying insurance coverage for Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid.

**BACKGROUND**

Under current law, DHFS receives federal funding to conduct a breast and cervical cancer early detection program, the Wisconsin Well Woman Program (WWWP), which is administered by the State Division of Public Health. This program provides eligible women with various health screenings (including breast and cervical cancer screening), referrals, education, and outreach. The WWWP is the "gatekeeper" to WI Well Woman Medicaid.

Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid provides Medicaid eligibility and full Medicaid benefits to women who meet **all** of the following:

- Screened through a WWWP screening.
- Diagnosed with breast or cervical cancer, or a pre-cancerous condition of the cervix.
- In need of treatment for breast cancer or cervical cancer or a pre-cancerous condition of the cervix.
- Uninsured or underinsured.
- At least 35 years but not yet 65 years of age.

According to the Native American Breast and Cervical Cancer Treatment Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-121), Section 2, a woman's eligibility for, and coverage by, a medical health care program of the Indian Health Service (IHS) or tribal organization does not bar the woman from Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid eligibility.

## ***POLICY***

Women that have coverage and/or access to Indian Health Service are not disqualified for Wisconsin Well Woman Medicaid. Wisconsin MA is the primary payer when a woman has coverage or access to Indian Health Services.

This amendment to the eligibility criteria is effective from whichever date is most recent:

1. Back to the first of the month in which the woman's WWP diagnosis occurred, **or**
2. January 1, 2002, **or**
3. Three months prior to the filing date

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